

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please change the title at page 1, line 1, from "Method for the production of 2,4,5-trimethylphenyl acetic acid" to -- METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF 2,4,5-TRIMETHYLPHENYL ACETIC ACID --.

Please insert the following at page 1, between the title and line 4:

-- The present patent application has been filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 as a national stage application of PCT/EP03/03180, filed March 27, 2003, which was published in German as International Patent Publication WO 03/084914 on October 16, 2003, which is entitled to the right of priority of German Patent Application 102 15 294.2, filed April 8, 2002. --